

# YOUR GUIDE TO ENERGY STAR® IN INDIANAPOLIS



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ENERGY STAR



LONG AFTER UNPACKING,  
YOU'LL APPRECIATE THE BENEFITS  
OF AN ENERGY STAR® QUALIFIED HOME.

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ENERGY STAR qualified homes meet EPA's strict guidelines for energy efficiency. These homes provide greater comfort and durability while lowering utility costs. Energy efficiency also protects the environment by significantly reducing the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming. Learn more. Visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)



## ENERGY STAR® QUALIFIED NEW HOMES

### THE BASICS

- Homes that earn EPA's ENERGY STAR incorporate energy savings in design and construction, so they are significantly more efficient than standard homes.\* By choosing an ENERGY STAR qualified home, homeowners can be assured that their homes are truly energy efficient.
- Builders select from a variety of features to achieve an ENERGY STAR qualified home, such as:
  - Properly installed insulation: Improves comfort and reduces utility bills.
  - High performance windows: Keep heat out during summer and in during winter.
  - Tight construction and tight ducts: Reduce drafts, moisture, dust, pollen, pests and noise, while lowering utility and maintenance costs.
  - Energy-efficient, properly installed heating and cooling equipment: Reduces utility bills and provides more consistent temperatures throughout the home.
- More than 380,000 families now live in ENERGY STAR qualified homes.
- Over 2,000 builders across all 50 states are constructing homes that meet EPA's strict guidelines for energy efficiency. Of the nation's largest 25 builders, 24 are ENERGY STAR partners.
- While other builders claim their homes are energy efficient, ENERGY STAR partners prove it by using third-party home energy raters to verify the energy performance of the home.

### THE BENEFITS

- The construction, insulation, and heating and cooling equipment found in ENERGY STAR qualified homes add comfort by keeping out excessive heat, cold, and noise and by ensuring consistent temperatures across rooms.
- Families living in ENERGY STAR qualified homes breathe more easily because their homes are built to reduce indoor pollutants that contribute to allergies and asthma.
- The benefits of an ENERGY STAR qualified home reach beyond its four walls. Fifteen percent of all greenhouse gases are generated from the energy used in houses nationwide. In fact, a home can be a greater source of pollution than the average car. ENERGY STAR qualified homes consume less energy, so homeowners help protect the environment while saving money.
- Just one ENERGY STAR qualified home can keep 4,500 pounds of greenhouse gases out of our air each year.

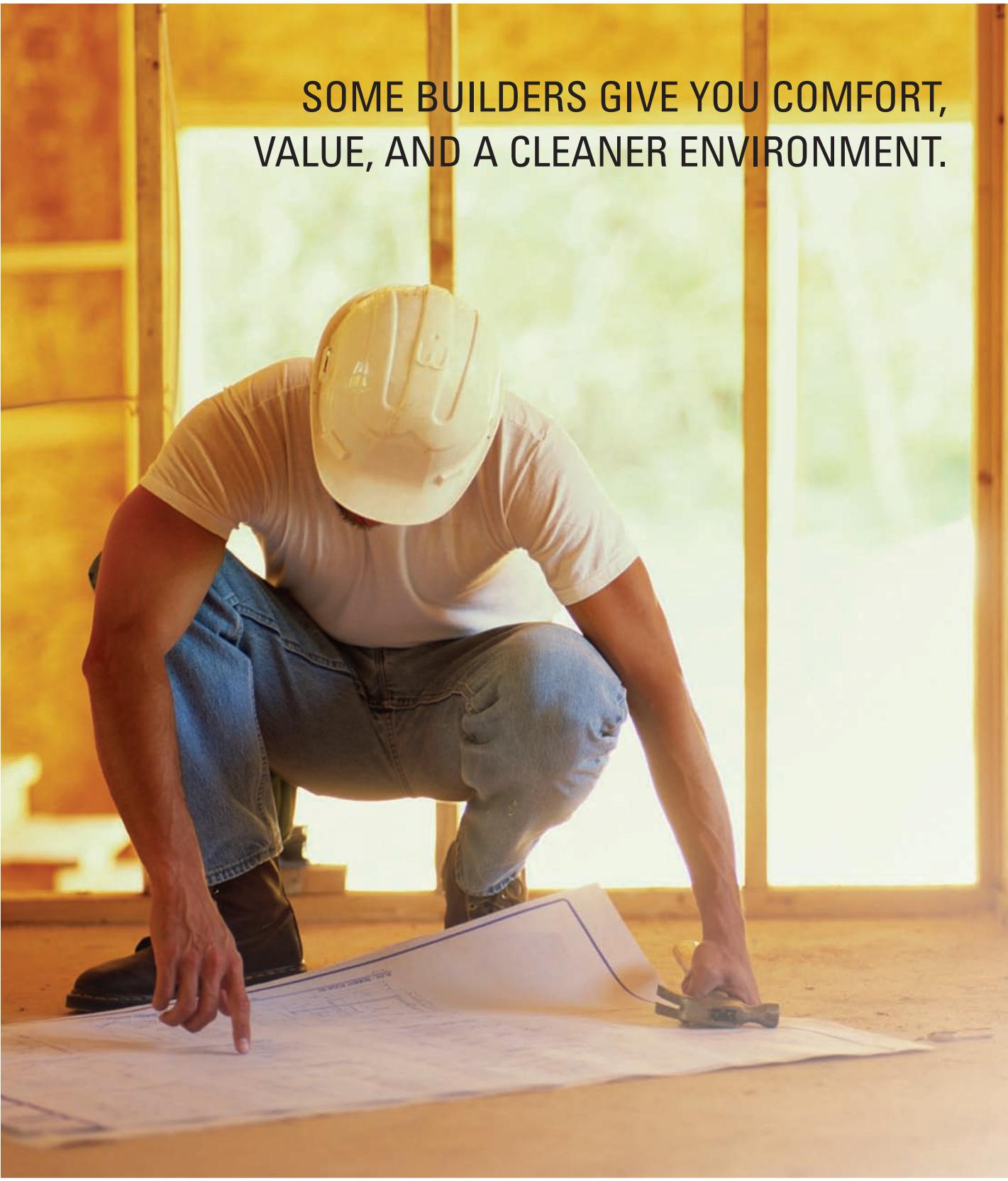
### HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS WITH ENERGY STAR

- ENERGY STAR is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency.
- ENERGY STAR helps consumers identify new homes and products that are energy efficient, and also offer the features, quality, and personal comfort today's consumers expect. Products that can earn the ENERGY STAR include appliances, lighting, home office equipment, windows, consumer electronics, and heating and cooling equipment.

\* Homes that earn the ENERGY STAR must be at least 30 percent more efficient than the national Model Energy Code for homes or 15 percent more efficient than the state energy code, whichever is more rigorous.

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THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH SUPERIOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

SOME BUILDERS GIVE YOU COMFORT,  
VALUE, AND A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT.



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## COMPONENTS OF A TYPICAL ENERGY STAR® QUALIFIED HOME



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**1. EFFECTIVE INSULATION.** Properly installed insulation in floors, walls, and attics ensures even temperatures throughout the house while using less energy. Effective, climate appropriate insulation results in lower utility costs and a quieter, more comfortable home.

**2. HIGH-PERFORMANCE WINDOWS.** Energy-efficient windows employ advanced technologies, such as protective coatings and improved framing, to help keep heat in during the winter and out during the summer. They also block damaging ultraviolet sunlight that can discolor carpets and furnishings.

**3. TIGHT CONSTRUCTION AND DUCTS.** Advanced techniques for sealing holes and cracks in the home's "envelope" and in duct systems help reduce drafts, moisture, dust, pollen, and noise. A tightly sealed home improves comfort and indoor air quality while reducing utility bills.

**4. EFFICIENT HEATING AND COOLING EQUIPMENT.** In addition to using less energy to operate, energy-efficient heating and cooling systems are quieter, reduce indoor humidity, and improve the overall comfort of your home. Energy-efficient equipment is also more durable and requires less maintenance. When properly installed into a tightly sealed home, your system will not have to work as hard to heat and cool the home due to reduced air leakage.

**5. THIRD PARTY TESTED.** With the help of a home energy rater, ENERGY STAR partner builders choose the most appropriate features for your home. Additionally, ENERGY STAR qualified homes are independently verified by a rater to ensure that your home meets EPA's guidelines for energy efficiency.

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